Dear Dr. Friedman:

I am appalled that the Food and Drug Administration continues to require animal testing for the development of pharmaceuticals. As you know, many drugs that have been tested on animals have been pulled off the market after proving harmful to humans. Moreover, other drugs that have been shown to be harmful to animals later have been found to be safe and effective for humans.

As a taxpayer, I demand that the FDA stop requiring animal tests for pharmaceuticals and instead allow companies to substitute non-animal testing methods. Corporations have put millions of dollars into implementing alternatives to pharmaceutical testing on animals. Currently, there are many available non-animal testing methods that are safe and reliable. It is time for the FDA to change its regulations regarding acceptable testing methods for pharmaceuticals.

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